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SUBJECT: SENTENCING OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS IN SLOVAKIA FOR  
ACCEPTING "SUBSIDIARY COMMISSIONS"

1. RUDE PRAVO JUNE 10 CARRIES REPORT OF SENTENCING BY REGIONAL COURT  
IN BRATISLAVA (SLOVAKIA) OF FORMER COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF  
TECHNOEXPORT (BRATISLAVA) FTO, HEAD BRATISLAVA BRANCH OF  
EFEKTIN (PRAGUE) FTO AND LOWER-RANKING TRADE OFFICIAL IN SAME  
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FTO, IN TERMS OF THIRTEEN, TWELVE AND TEN YEARS, RESPECTIVELY, IN

"THIRD-GRADE" PRISON FOR "CONFISCATION OF PROPERTY" WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO CZECHOSLOVAK ECONOMY VALUED AT 1,071,045 CZECH CROWNS (OR ROUGHLY US\$112,000 AT TOURIST EXCHANGE RATE).

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS REPORT, WITNESSES, GOVERNMENT EXPERTS AND DEFENDANTS THEMSELVES ATTESTED TO LARGE-SCALE ABUSE OF FOREIGN TRADE FUNCTIONS WHICH INCLUDED ACCEPTING "SUBSIDIARY COMMISSIONS" FROM CAPITALIST FIRMS DURING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH CONVICTED OFFICIALS NEITHER TURNED IN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FTOS NOR TO STATE BANK BUT DIVIDED AMONG THEMSELVES FOR "PERSONAL ENRICHMENT." EXACT AMOUNTS OF COMMISSIONS ACCEPTED AND IDENTITY OF CAPITALIST FIRMS INVOLVED WERE NOT REVEALED.

3. COMMENT: COMING AS IT DOES ON HEELS OF REPORT WHICH APPREARED IN WEST IN MID-MAY CONCERNING EXTREMME PUNISHMENT METED OUT BY USSR COURT TO OFFICIAL OF SOVIET FTO WHICH DEALS IN FURNITURE FOR SIMILAR RAKE-OFFS FROM SWISS FIRM, ACTION OF SLOVAK COURT CAN ONLY BE SEEN AS SIGN OF HEIGHTENED CAMMPAIGN IN EE AGAINST SUCH ACTIVITIES IN FOREIGN TRADE OPRATIONS, WIDESPREAD EXISTENCE OF WHICH, AT LEAST IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAS BEEN HEAVILY RUMORED FOR SOME TIME. FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. FIRMS EITHER ENGAGED IN OR PLANNING TO DO BUSINESS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, MESSAGE SHOULD BE CLEAR.  
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